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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application which were cited in the specification of the present invention and/or by the Examiner in the corresponding German application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, are provided herewith.

1. European Patent No. 0 541 546 B1
2. World Patent No. 91/07357
3. U.S. Patent No. 3,922,155

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Discussion of relevancy of references

Document 1

Document 1 is discussed in the present specification, and teaches a vitreous or vitreous-crystalline, rapidly dissolving material has the following composition (wt.%) before combustion: 20 - 55 CaO, 5 - 25 Na₂O, 0.01 - 15 K₂O, 0 - 15 MgO, 30 - 50 P₂O₅, 0 - 15 SiO₂, 0 - 40 Na₂SO₄ and/or K₂SO₄. The new material can be obtained in vitreous or vitreous-crystalline form, depending on the cooling conditions. As a spontaneously crystallized glass ceramic, it contains the rhenanite phase, "A" phase, "X" phase and/or their mixed crystals. The material is both bioactive and biocompatible and dissolves rapidly. It can be used directly and with other materials as an implant for temporary bone replacement and to induce growth of connective tissue, and as a fertilizer and fodder material. The claims of Document 1 are translated into English.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document in the patent family of Document 1, other than Document 2 which is in the family and contains an English language abstract.

Document 2

Document 2 is a member of the family of Document 1, in which claims can be found which have been translated into the English language.

A vitreous or vitreous-crystalline, rapidly dissolving material has the following composition (wt.%) before combustion: 20 - 55 CaO, 5 - 25 Na₂O, 0.01 - 15 K₂O, 0 - 15 MgO, 30 - 50

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P205, 0 - 15 SiO₂, 0 - 40 Na₂SO₄ and/or K₂SO₄. The new material can be obtained in vitreous or vitreous-crystalline form, depending on the cooling conditions. As a spontaneously crystallized glass ceramic, it contains the rhenanite phase, "A" phase, "X" phase and/or their mixed crystals. The material is both bioactive and biocompatible and dissolves rapidly. It can be used directly and with other materials as an implant for temporary bone replacement and to induce growth of connective tissue, and as a fertilizer and fodder material.

Document 3

Document 3 is in the English language.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months from the application's filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, therefore no Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

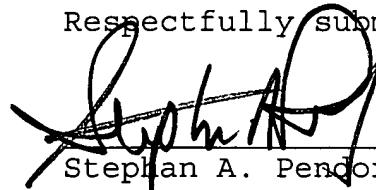
Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the

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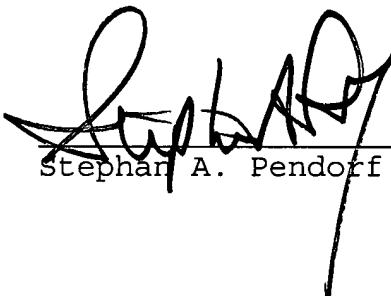
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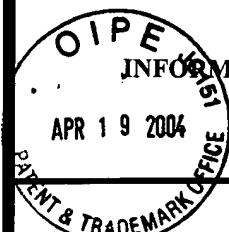
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	0 541 546 B1	10/5/1994	Europe	C03C	3/16		✓
	91/07357	5/30/1991	World	C03C	3/16		✓

OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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